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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**MARTIN COUNTY WOMEN SENTENCED FOR
DISTRIBUTION OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIAL
INVOLVING MINORS**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana and Assistant Attorney General Alice S. Fisher of the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice, announced that SHEILA L. SELLINGER, 34, formerly of Shoals, Indiana, was sentenced to 140 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following her guilty plea to distribution of sexually explicit material involving minors. This case was the result of a investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Indiana State Police, and the Martin County Prosecuting Attorney.

On June 22, 2006, SELLINGER pleaded guilty to one count of distribution of sexually explicit material involving minors. In doing so, SELLINGER acknowledged that image files which depicted a 10 year-old minor victim, partially clothed in suggestive clothing and placed in

several unnatural positions emphasizing her genitalia, portrayed a lascivious exhibition of the minor victim's genitals or pubic area that constitutes child pornography. SELLINGER admitted that she transported these image files containing child pornography in interstate commerce by means of a computer, since she sent the images via electronic mail to an individual who placed them on a child modeling website hosted in another state.

According to Jill Trumbull-Harris, a Trial Attorney with the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the Department of Justice, and Todd S. Shellenbarger, an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed a lifetime term of supervised release following SELLINGER'S release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, SELLINGER must register as a sex offender, must seek treatment in a sex offender program, and must not have unsupervised contact with minors. SELLINGER'S use of any computer will also be subject to monitoring while she is on supervised release. SELLINGER was also ordered to pay the costs of the victim's counseling as needed, and was fined \$34,000 – twice the amount of money she received for the sale of the sexually explicit images.

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